A Letter to a Friend, upon the Diſſolving of the Late Parliament, and the Calling of a New One.

Together with a LIST of Thoſe that were againſt Making the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange*, KING and QUEEN.

SIR,

AS I do fully acquieſce in the Wiſdom and Authority of the King in his Diſſolving of the *Late Parliament*, ſo I'm perfectly perſuaded, That he did it upon Motives relating to his own Honour, and to the Safety and Happineſs of his people, and not in Subſerviency to any *Prerogative Deſign*, nor to pleaſe himſelf with an Exercile of *Regal Power*. And I will venture to ſay, That nothing could have induced him ſo abruptly, as well as unexpectedly, to have diſmiſs'd a *Parliament*, that firſt advanced him unto and then by ſo many free and vaſt Contributions, endeavoured to ſupport him in the Throne, but the finding them unſerviceable to the uniting of *Proteſtants*, the Vindicating of our Laws and Liberties, and the puniſhing of thoſe who had ſubverted our Conſtitution; which as they are the only Juſtifiable Grounds both of his Coming hither, and of his Accepting the Royal Authority, ſo nothing leſs than the purſuing of thoſe ends, can vindicate his Decent into *England*, from being an Unrighteous Invaſion, and his Aſcending the *Britiſh* Thrones, from the Reproach of an *Ambitious Uſurpation*. How could a *Prince* of his Integrity and Wiſdom think that the obtaining and wearing of a Crown, was Honourable and Juſt, while the Reaſons upon which he received and poſſeſſeth it, were not only controuled and reproached, but expoſed and ridiculed? Nor is it poſſible for his Majeſty to believe, That the late King was ſo heinouſly guilty, as to forfeit all right of Sovereignty, while thoſe who adviſed him unto, and were the Miniſters of all his Miſgovernment, whom the Law makes chiefly, if not onely accountable, were eſteemed guiltleſs and innocent. He could not but foreſee that the *Abdication* of *King James* is eaſily reverſible, and that he himſelf holds his Crown very precariouſly, if there was nothing to juſtifie the *Enthroning* the One, and the *Dethroning* Tother, but the haſty and arbitrarious Vote of the Majority of the Two Houſes. And he muſt needs look upon all that was alledged, concerning the *Late King's* violating the *Original Contract*, and his ſubverting the Laws of the Conſtitution, as Fiction and Dream, while there were none to be found, that counſelled him unto, or aſſiſted him in it.

And as this juſtifies the Wiſdom of his Majeſty in the Diſſolving of the *Late Parliament*, ſo we may from hence eaſily conclude, both upon what proſpect and hope he hath been pleaſed to call a *New* one, and by what meaſures thoſe to whom the Right of Electing Members doth belong, are to guide themſelves in the enſuing Choice: Nor do we onely want a Parliament that may Confirm, Eſtabliſh, and Support his Majeſty in the Throne, but which may proceed on thoſe principles, as do render his Acceſſion unto it, Neceſſary, as well as Honourable and Juſt. And as the Nation is once more furniſh'd with an opportunity of chuſing ſuch a *Repreſentative* Body, as may vindicate and aſſert its Ancient Laws, Rights and Liberties; ſo there is a freſh Advantage afforded us, of teſtifying our Loyalty to his preſent Majeſty, and of promoting his *Greatneſs*, as well as of providing for our own future Safety. I need not tell you that the ends to be propoſed in the Service of thoſe who are to be Elected, are, That the *Throne* may be ſetled upon firm and righteous Foundations; and, That all his Majeſty's Subjects may live at Eaſe and Unity under his Government. 'Tis therefore, 1. incumbent upon all wiſe and honeſt Men, that they Elect ſuch to Repreſent them, as may both Allow and Confirm unto the King, all the Ancient and Legal Rights of the Crown, and yet at the ſame time recover and ſecure all thoſe Priviledges unto the *People*, which the invading and rejecting from them, gave occaſion unto, and can alone juſtifie the late Revolution. Whoſoever ſeeks to enrich the King with the ſpoils of his Subjects, and to adorn them with what our late Monarchs raviſht from them, can deſign no leſs, than that the ſame *Fate* ſhould befal him, which overtook his *Predeceſſor*; which is the robbing him firſt of his *Peoples* Affections, and then of his own Authority. 2. 'Tis no leſs the Duty than it is the Intereſt of all that would have the Nation formidable to its Enemies, and the King ſucceſsful in his Undertakings, that they depute and authoriſe thoſe to act for them in *Parliament*, who without ſubverting or undermining the Church, may not only preſerve unto Diſſenters that Liberty vouchſafed unto them, for worſhipping God, but who may reſtore them unto, and veſt them in all the Common Rights and *Priviledges* of *Engliſhmen*. Nor will it be eaſie to perſwade ſo great a company of people, that they find their account in the late Revolution, unleſs they be admitted by Law to enjoy the ſame advantages under the preſent King, which by Diſcanſing with, and an Uſurpation over the Law, they were poſſeſſed of under the laſt. 3. We are to eſteem them the fitteſt of all others, to be return'd to ſerve in the enſuing *Parliament*, who are likelieſt to maintain in our *Allies* a Confidence of us, and to encourage them both to continue the Confederacy, and to purſue the ends of it. And therefore as we would

would not give Jealousie unto them, and weaken the Union amongst themselves, and with us, we ought to avoid the Chusing of those that have heretofore promoted the Grandeur of *France*, or that have either sought the Destruction of the *Dutch*, or expressed a Malice and Rancour towards them. 4. As we would not betray both the King and our selves, we are to chuse none but such who are entirely in his Majesties and in the Kingdoms Interest; which, as it is impossible to believe of them, who acknowledge him only a King in *Fact*, but not by Right, so it is not easie to conceive how they should be forward and zealous to support him in the Throne, who opposed his coming to it. The Enemies to King *James*'s *Abdication*, are not likely to be true and lasting Friends to King *William*'s *Soveraignty*. In brief, it is the Duty of all that love the present Establishment to act against those whom you find them to be for, that refuse to swear Allegiance to Their present Majesties. Nor are they worthy of the Vote of an honest Man, who are not satisfied with the Protection of the Royal Power, unless they have both the Mastery of it, and the exerting and applying it to the oppression and enslaving of their fellow-Subjects. 'Tis not a *King*, but a *Tool* under that Name, which they desire; and, instead of allowing him to be the Universal and Equal Ruler of all his People, they seek to reduct and degrade him to be the Head of a little and peevish Faction: Which that His Majesty may be preserved from all temptations unto, through the Wise Choice of those that are to sit in the following Parliament, is the unfeigned desire of,

Sir, Your humble Servant.

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Bucking.
Sir *Ralph Verny.*
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Sir *Robert Cotton*
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